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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR THE REDSKIN
OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION AT DECEMBER 13 TOUCHDOWN CLUB
LUNCH:

... IT IS REALLY AN HONOR TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE VOICE OF

THE REDSKINS (N.B.: MAL CAMPBELL OF WMAL WILL BE MASTER OF

CEREMONIES). I HAVE NEVER BEEN CALLED ANYTHING AS BENIGN

AS THAT. I HAVE OCCASIONALLY BEEN CALLED THE VOICE OF DOOM

AND DESPAIR, THOUGH.

... I'VE ALSO BEEN CALLED A FEW THINGS THIS YEAR BY A

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PROMINENT GEORGIAN. BUT NONE OF THEM WERE AS AGREEABLE AS

THE WORDS OF ANOTHER PROMINENT GEORGIAN, JOE TERESHINSKY,
HERE A FEW MOMENTS AGO (N.B.: TERESHINSKY IS PRESIDENT
OF THE TOUCHDOWN CLUB, WAS A 1947 ALL-AMERICAN AT THE UNI-
VERSITY OF GEORGIA, AND WILL SPEAK JUST BEFORE YOU).

... BUT I DO THINK IT'S A MARVEL OF SELF-RESTRAINT THAT
OF THE TWO REDSKIN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS THIS
YEAR, YOU HAVE ONLY CHOSEN ONE GEORGIAN (N.B.: LEN HAUSS).

... WE'VE ALL HEARD A LOT OF RUMORS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY
OF GEORGE ALLEN MOVING ON TO ANOTHER TEAM NEXT YEAR. IN
FACT, I HEARD THIS MORNING THAT GEORGE IS LIABLE TO
RECEIVE A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER TO GO DOWN TO GEORGIA TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT THE ATLANTA FALCONS.

... AT LEAST GEORGE'S PROSPECTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ARE
SOMEWHAT MORE AMBIGUOUS THAN MINE. IN FACT, NOW THAT I
AM ABOUT TO GO ON RELIEF I HAVE, AS SOME OF YOU KNOW,
RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM THE NEW YORK JETS TO TRY-OUT
AT QUARTERBACK. THEY HAVE OFFERED TO MATCH MY SALARY
AS SECRETARY OF STATE -- WHICH, IN VIEW OF THE SALARY
OF THEIR CURRENT QUARTERBACK, SHOULD SAVE THEM ABOUT A

HALF MILLION A YEAR.

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... ONE STICKING POINT IN THE DISCUSSIONS SO FAR, HOWEVER,
HAS BEEN THAT -- DESPITE THE NAME OF THE TEAM -- THE JETS
DON'T OWN ANY BOEING 707'S. AND SOME OF MY HABITS ARE
GOING TO BE VERY HARD TO CHANGE.

... OF COURSE, IF I COULD GET LEN HAUSS HERE TO AGREE TO GO ALONG AS MY CENTER, THE WHOLE THING WOULD LOOK A LOT MORE ATTRACTIVE. AT LEAST THE PHYSICAL DANGER WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

... BUT, AS WE ALL KNOW, THE JETS NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET. SO I HAVE GIVEN THEIR OFFER MY MOST SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. I JUST WONDER WHETHER NEW YORK IS READY FOR ANOTHER SEX SYMBOL AT QUARTERBACK.

... BESIDES, MY AMBITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO PLAY FOR THE REDSKINS. THAT IS WHY, ON RECENT SUNDAYS, I HAVE BEEN DISGUIISING MYSELF EITHER AS LEONARD SHAPIRO OR DAVID ISRAEL AND ASKING BILLY KILMER NASTY QUESTIONS.

... ACTUALLY I REALLY SYMPATHIZE WITH BILLY -- BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF BEING A WHIPPING BOY TOO. BILLY AND I HAVE A LOT IN COMMON THESE DAYS. HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE WAY THE PRESS IS TREATING HIM, AND HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTITUDE OF HIS FANS. I SOMETIMES DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE PRESS TREATS ME, AND I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE ATTITUDES OF MY FANS -- BOTH OF THEM.

... BUT THE PRESS SAID THAT I'M SECRETIVE, DISTANT, UN-APPROACHABLE; THAT I DON'T HAVE NORMAL HUMAN EMOTIONS; THAT SOMEHOW I'M NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE. WELL, NOW THAT I'M ABOUT TO LEAVE THIS POSITION OF GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY, I CAN ONLY SAY -- YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET IT, EARTHLINGS.

... SERIOUSLY, IT GIVES ME, AS A LONG-TIME AND LOYAL RED-SKIN FAN, THE GREATEST PLEASURE AND PRIDE TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT THE AWARDS FOR REDSKINS OF THE YEAR TO THESE TWO GREAT VETERANS: ONE TO A PLAYER, WHO IN THE WORDS OF LEE ROY JORDAN, DOESN'T BITE, SCRATCH, HOLD OR TRIP -- AND THE OTHER TO PAT FISCHER.

... I STAND IN AWE OF LEN HAUSS -- ESPECIALLY WHEN I STAND NEXT TO HIM. AND I FEEL A SPECIAL AFFINITY WITH PAT FISCHER -- AS THE OTHER NAPOLEON COMPLEX IN TOWN.

... YOU ALL KNOW -- AND MANY OF YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO -- THE TREMENDOUS CIVIC PRIDE WE HAVE ALL FELT IN THE REDSKINS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW, THEY'VE PUT WASHINGTON ON THE PRO FOOTBALL MAP IN A VERY SPECIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAY. AND IN DOING SO, THEY HAVE CREATED AN IMAGE OF THEMSELVES WHICH PAT AND LEN PROBABLY TYPIFY BETTER THAN JUST ABOUT ANY OTHER TWO PLAYERS. IT'S GUTSY PROFESSIONALISM, A NEVER-SAY-DIE DETERMINATION TO EXCEL. WHO AMONG US COULD EVER FORGET THE DOZENS OF TIMES WE HAVE SEEN PAT GIVE AWAY 12 INCHES IN HEIGHT, 50 LBS IN WEIGHT, AND 10 YEARS IN AGE TO AN OPPONENT -- AND THEN BEAT HIM AT HIS OWN GAME? AND WHAT REDSKIN FAN COULD FORGET LEN HAUSS OUT THERE SOAKING UP THE PUNISHMENT, AND SLUGGING BACK WEEK AFTER WEEK AFTER WEEK -- WHETHER IN THE OLD DAYS, WHEN HE WAS OUT IN FRONT OF SONNY AND WHEN SONNY

AND HIS PASSING WERE ABOUT ALL THE REDSKINS HAD, OR
WHETHER IN MORE RECENT DAYS WITH BILLY KILMER?
... LEN AND PAT, YOU'VE DONE A GREAT DEAL FOR THE RED-
SKINS AND FOR WASHINGTON. YOU'VE THRILLED US BY SHOWING
US TIME AND AGAIN HOW FOOTBALL OUGHT TO BE PLAYED -- AND
IN THE WAY YOU'VE DONE IT, YOU'VE OFTEN INSPIRED US AND
SHOWN US A LITTLE ABOUT THE WAY LIFE OUGHT TO BE LIVED.
WE -- AND WASHINGTON -- ARE INDEBTED TO YOU.
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